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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR SWARAN SINGH

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. QUOTE:

EXCELLENCY:

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I REGRET HAVING HAD TO
CONTINUE TO DELAY MY COMING TO NEW DELHI IN RESPONSE TO
YOUR KIND INVITATION. THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST
HAS FRANKLY TAKEN FAR MORE TIME AND INVOLVEMENT THAN
WE EXPECTED, AND NOW WE ARE AGAIN, AS YOU KNOW, AT ONE
OF THOSE CRUCIAL POINTS WHERE IT HAS BECOME VERY
DIFFICULT FOR ME TO MAKE COMMITMENTS FOR THE IMMEDIATE
FUTURE.

I KNOW YOU SHARE OUR HOPE, HOWEVER, AS WELL AS OUR
RENEWED CONFIDENCE, THAT A MOMENTUM CAN BE MAINTAINED SO
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THAT REAL PROGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED TOWARD PEACEFUL

SOLUTIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

MEANWHILE, WE CONTINUE TO BE GREATLY IMPRESSED AND

ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS THAT IS BEING MADE TOWARD A DURABLE PEACE IN SOUTH ASIA. YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND THOSE OF BOTH PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH, HAVE SET AN ADMIRABLE EXAMPLE OF THE CAPACITY OF GOVERNMENTS TO RESPOND WITH VISION AND DETERMINATION TO THE DESIRES OF THEIR PEOPLES FOR PEACE AND ACCOMMODATION. YOU HAVE OUR STRONGEST GOOD WISHES AS YOU CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS.

AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN HAS KEPT US FULLY INFORMED OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT ON THESE AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY OF COURSE THE GOOD PROGRESS MADE TO DATE IN BUILDING A BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA. I KNOW YOU SHARE OUR SATISFACTION IN THIS TREND, SYMBOLIZED MOST RECENTLY BY THE RUPEE AGREEMENT. IT IS WITH CONFIDENCE THAT THIS TREND CAN BE MAINTAINED THAT I WANT TO TAKE UP YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT NEW DELHI AS SOON AS I POSSIBLY CAN. THE ENERGY CRISIS THAT NOW CONFRONTS US ALL AND WHICH WE KNOW PRESENTS SOME VERY SPECIAL PROBLEMS TO INDIA IS FURTHER REASON FOR AN EARLY EX-CHANGE OF VIEWS. MEANWHILE, I HOPE THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS CAN REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH ON WAYS THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A STRONGER RELATIONSHIP.

BEST REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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